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**Pastor Pastorum.**

*Pastor Pastorum: or, The Schooling of the Apostles by our Lord.* By Rev. Henry Latham, M. A. New York: James Pott and Co. Pp. 500.

That this book has reached a third edition is evidence that, at least, it has a popular subject, even if the treatment of that subject may not be all that could be wished. The title and contents suggest at once the one other book covering the same ground that hitherto has held the field alone. Dr. Bruce in his "Training of the Twelve" discusses "passages out of the Gospels exhibiting the twelve disciples of Jesus under discipline for the apostleship." All biblical students are familiar with it. Its warm evangelical tone combined with ample learning and the uniqueness of its subject have made it a very useful as well as popular work. Mr. Latham's contribution to this theme comes into comparison with Dr. Bruce's book in only a very few points. It is much more discursive and introduces material which seems quite remotely connected with the subject. The contents, as we are told, consist of the lectures which the author was accustomed to deliver to his Cambridge (England) college classes. They set forth constantly the author's own views with the slightest reference to what other men have thought. Trench, Sanday and Edersheim are the only writers quoted. The opinions of a thoughtful man like Mr. Latham on Gospel narratives are interesting and instructive, but it must be confessed that he has not substantially increased our knowledge of the subject. Bruce's book will still be the standard. Mr. Latham's general position in relation to Gospel criticism is a liberal one. He is not always to be depended on in his assertions, e. g. in his statement that the Greeks of John 12 : 20 were Greek-speaking Jews (p. 158). The American publishers have brought out the work in neat form, and by the use of thin paper its five hundred pages make a book of moderate compass. Many readers will find it helpful and those who have not read Bruce will gain much information on the special theme of the teaching work of our Lord, as well as in respect to the Gospels at large.

**St. Matthew.**

*The Gospel according to St. Matthew;* being the Greek text, as revised by Drs. Westcott and Hort, with introductions and notes by Rev. Arthur Sloman, M. A. London and New York: Macmillan and Co. Pp. XXXII., 152.

The scope and purpose of this little book are well summed up in the opening words of the preface: "This edition is an attempt to supply to the average school boy the necessary help and materials for reading the Greek text of Matthew intelligently." With this aim, brief but copious notes are added. The contents of the book are as follows: First, several short introductions are given, upon important subjects: e. g., the author of the Gospel, the Synagogue, the chief MSS. and versions of the Gospels, etc. The Greek text follows. Notes on the text occupy most of the remaining pages: and four indices,—one on persons mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: one on quotations in it from the Old Testament, etc.,—close the book.

The book is conveniently small and will fit easily into the pocket. It is neatly and serviceably bound. The selection of the Westcott and Hort text, excellent for its plainly legible type, among other good qualities, leaves nothing to be desired in the Greek pages of the book, and the press work throughout is decidedly attractive. To Greek students desiring to begin the study of the Gospels this will serve as an excellent introductory manual, and one is not surprised at the author's remark in his preface, that it is "based upon the practical experience of fifteen years, as to what boys really want."